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FOR THE AMBASSADOR FROM ANDREWS

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1. REPORTING ON CODEL MCGOVERN. WE MUCH APPRECIATED YOUR REPORT TO GEORGE VEST (PRAGUE 1918), WHICH DID COME IN AFTER OUR MEETING LAST FRIDAY MORNING WITH MCGOVERN, AS WELL AS THE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTAINED IN OFFICIAL-INFORMAL PRAGUE 1960. SINCE YOUR MESSAGE TO VEST WAS TITLED "OFFICIAL-INFORMAL", THE COMMUNICATIONS PEOPLE DISTRIBUTED IT ONLY TO EUR/EE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR STANDARD PRACTICE, AND WE IN TURN GAVE COPIES TO VEST AND LUERS. HOWEVER, THE MESSAGE IS ONE WHICH WOULD BE OF CONSIDERABLE INTEREST TO EB, H, AND OTHERS CONCERNED WITH CLAIMS/GOLD, NOT TO MENTION INR AND THE AGENCY. THEREFORE, WE REQUEST THAT THE EMBASSY RESEND THE CABLE AS A NORMAL REPORTING CABLE WITHOUT ANY LIMITATION ON THE DISTRIBUTION. (YOU WILL WANT TO TINKER SLIGHTLY WITH THE PERSONAL REF-CONFIDENTIAL

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ERENCES TO VEST IN THE OPENING AND CLOSING PARAGRAPHS, BUT OTHERWISE, AT LEAST FROM OUR VIEWPOINT, IT CAN COME IN AS IS.)

2. EMBASSY DIRECTORY. PLEASE POUCH US A COPY OF THE EMBASSY'S TELEPHONE DIRECTORY.

3. FEDOROV CASE. LOCAL COUNSEL FOR THE FEDOROVS MET WITH JIM GLENN AND CLIFF BRODY, HA/HR, ON JULY 27. COUNSEL IS INVESTIGATING THE FEDOROV'S CLAIM THAT THE EMBASSY BOTCHED THE CASE IN 1977 BY FAILING TO ISSUE ROMANA A VISA WHEN IT HAD A CHANCE TO. PLEASE SEND US COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES AT THE TIME WHICH PREVENT-ED YOU FROM BEING ABLE TO ISSUE ROMANA A VISA. ONE DOCUMENT IN OUR FILE ON HER CASE INDICATES THAT HER PASS-PORT WAS GOOD ONLY FOR TRAVEL TO WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES. IS THIS INFORMATION ACCURATE? IS HER PASSPORT STILL TEC-HNICALLY VALID AND STILL BEING HELD FOR HER BY THE INTERIOR MINISTRY NOW THAT THE COURT CASE HAS BEEN DECIDED, OR HAS IT BEEN CANCELLED? WHO APPLIED FOR HER PASSPORT ON HER BEHALF? WHY DID SOMEONE APPLY FOR AN EMIGRATION PASSPORT FOR HER AND THEN EVIDENTLY REFUSE TO ALLOW HER TO VISIT THE EMBASSY TO COMPLETE HER APPLICATION FOR AN IMMIGRANT VISA? PLEASE SEND US THIS INFORMATION ASAP. THANKS. CHRISTOPHER

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